

Applying for Graduate Financial Aid for the 2021 Summer Session

The Bentley University Office of Financial Assistance offers federal loans to eligible graduate students. (Note: There are no need-based grants available for summer study.) In order to be eligible for federal loans, you must be registered at minimum of 4.5 credits (in total) for the summer session. You must also be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and meet other general eligibility criteria outlined in the FAFSA instructions.

Summer is always considered part of the preceding academic year while fall starts the next. If you have already borrowed a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan for the current 2020-2021 academic year, your eligibility for the summer term would be, at most, the difference between the grad maximum of \$20,500 and the amount borrowed from September to May.

If you are a **current aid recipient** (Fall 2020 and/or Spring 2021), then you must submit the following to be considered for financial assistance for the summer.

- ❑ 2021 Summer Loan Request Form
- ❑ 2020-2021 Bentley Graduate Aid Application –(applies only to current Bentley undergrads who will begin graduate studies in the summer term)

If you are **not currently receiving aid** from Bentley, then you must submit the following to be considered for financial assistance the summer.

- ❑ 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ❑ 2020-2021 Bentley Graduate Aid Application
- ❑ 2021 Summer Loan Request Form
- ❑ Neither the CSS PROFILE Form nor tax documents are required for a summer aid application.

A student's request for summer financial assistance cannot be processed until...

- ✓ The student has filed the appropriate forms (see aforementioned information) with the Financial Aid Office;
- ✓ The student has registered for summer classes in the Graduate School.

Please note the following!

- ❖ Graduate students are required to pay their tuition bill by the first day of a given term.
- ❖ If you plan to apply for summer aid, please submit your 2021 Summer Loan Request Form by May 1 – this will allow the Financial Aid Office to process your request for assistance and to notify you of your award status before your summer tuition bill is due.